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KOLT News Special Cancelled

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On Friday, October 27, the students of Cottonwood sat in their third period classes, anxiously awaiting the Halloween broadcast of KOLT News. Suddenly, the voice of Chris Clark came over the P.A. system, informing us that KOLT News would not be aired, but why? He didn't say.

Throughout the day, a lot of rumor, and a little speculation permeated the building, but what is the

real story?

According to KOLT News adviser, Mrs. Liddle, a great deal of the broadcast she considered inappropriate for school production, and offensive. One small point she disagreed with was the use of the word *gimp*, a slang word for cripple. She said that when she asked that such material be edited out, she was blatantly turned down. Therefore, Mrs. Liddle was forced to disallow the airing of the episode.

When I asked Chris Clark for his view of what happened, I was

given a remarkably different story. Chris pointed out that he had put a great deal of time and effort into the broadcast, and that Mrs. Liddle had asked him to edit. Eventually, he said the editing became too extensive. Such criticisms arose as the broadcast is pointless; it will offend teachers. Chris argues that the Halloween broadcast should be goofy and frivolous, and that it wasn't filmed for the teachers, but the students.

In a letter, Mrs. Liddle received, a group of students criticized the

cancellation of the broadcast. These "Concerned Colts of Cottonwood" expressed their disappointment at their not having seen the broadcast, and their anger at Mrs. Liddle's judgement call, stating that someone more "with the times" should critique future broadcasts.

After some compromise and editing, and Mr. Bennett's "okay", KOLT News was aired Halloween day for the general public at Cottonwood, complete with a warning label, and two deleted segments.

Encounter the Unknown During Halloween



Monster Mash goes dance in crowded inner court. Monster Mash is Cottonwood's largest dance of the year.

Photo by David Walter

David Walter
Editor in Chief

Ghost, goblins, and ghouls. No, wait a second. Hawaiian tourists, the Flintstones, and Bigwads? Name it and you could have seen it at the Monster Mash this year.

Most high schools in the valley were invited to the Monster Mash, and it seemed as though everyone from every school did come. The Monster Mash is Cottonwood High School's largest dance of the year, meaning the most crowded picture lines. Most people show up

at the dance, wait in line for a two second snapshot of a wild pose for about an hour, maybe dance a tiny bit, then leave to go on to bigger and better activities.

People went in large groups, while others went as a couple. Most went to dinner, then to the dance, and finally to the activity. This year, some of the more popular activities included laser-tag, haunted houses, and bowling. Some of the more unique activities included net even showing up at the dance, cemetery plans, and dyeing Easter eggs.

This year, since the

Monster Mash was scheduled for the night before the ACT (an important college entrance exam), many juniors and seniors had to make slightly unusual plans. There were many groups who planned to have dinner and do the activity before going to the dance, in order to be home by as early as 9:30 P.M. Others planned to be home by 9:30, but didn't get home until after midnight.

Cottonwood Student Body Officers and Senate members spent a huge amount of time working on decorations and plans to make the Monster Mash the



Student Body Officers and Senate members put banners of week into Monster Mash preparations.

Photo by David Walter

most memorable dance of the year. The ghostly entrance, and the pumpkin patch display, being the end results of the hard work, were very impressive and well done.

The fact that so many schools are invited to the

Monster Mash, and that so many people show up to the Monster Mash, makes it one of the funnest dances of the year. You may have had to put up with long lines and crowded dance floors, but it was well worth the wait this year.

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November 21

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December 1
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Students Take Law Into Their Own Hands

David Walker
Editor in Chief

This article of the Cottonwood High School Constitution has been added and removed twice in the history of the school. The article is referring to in the article that includes provisions for a student court at Cottonwood, which was last in session in 1990. This year, a student court will begin again, but this time it will be on a trial basis.

All of the details for the student court have not yet been worked out, but here is a rough idea of how it will work.

Willing students will be referred to the student court by the administration or teachers. No student can be forced to go to student court, but some will be given the option. The student court will convene at least once a week after school and a senate member who has been designated Chief Justice will preside over the court. The 15 Senate members will then take turns sitting on a seven member panel which will be equivalent to a jury. The Senate advisor will be the moderator to solve insolvable conflicts.

In the Student Court, the senators "would sit in judgement of student violation of school policies like, eligibility, vandalism, littering, truancy, disrespect," according to the Student Court bill. The Student

Court will also hear complaints against students from students.

The Student Court, as laid out in the bill, will be able to issue sentences of custodial service, in school suspension, school service, teacher assistance, and community service. If the student court feels that a more severe punishment should be given, they can then refer the case to the administration.

Aminda Hughes, Senate President, could not be Chief Justice because she is already involved in two branches of the government. Aminda and the Student Body Officers have chosen Steve Clayson, Senate Vice President, to be Chief Justice. They based their decision on the responses to the questions on the application that any interested senate member filled out. The application tested their knowledge of how the government works by asking questions like what Marbury V. Madison is, what it established, and how that is important to the Cottonwood Student Court. The application also asked what their plans would be as Chief Justice.

Once the Chief Justice has been chosen, there will be a few mock cases for the court to go through. This will give the court members a chance to get used to the process and to fix any problems that there may be before there is an actual case.

Any student who is tried in the

student court will have the choice of representing himself or herself, or they can pick a representative off a list. In order to become a representative, students must prove that they have a good understanding of the legal system. Aminda Hughes believes that this list may consist of Mock Trial members, debaters, and/or anyone else who is interested.

In the past, when the Judicial Department was part of the Constitution, it was a whole branch of the government. The members of the Student Court were appointed by the Student Body President at the beginning of the year. The Chief Justice was appointed immediately after spring election and must have been approved by the Senate (much like as in the United States government). There were a couple of limitations as to who could be justices. First, they could not hold any other school offices or positions of honor within Cottonwood. Second, at least two members must have been from each class.

In the past the student court has been removed from the constitution because there was too little involvement in it by the student body, and there weren't enough cases for it to be worthwhile. If the student court goes well during the trial period, it may be expanded upon and rewritten into Cottonwood's constitution.

Hanta Virus Alert

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Staff Writer

The deadly Hanta Virus first has posed a threat to people in the Western and Southwestern regions of the United States has claimed its latest victim, Richard Boom of Las Vegas, Nevada. The virus, rating a level four on the danger scale of 1-5, has infected hundreds of people, and caused 60 fatalities since 1980. Boom is the latest to have died from this horrible disease, which is carried most often by deer mice living in rural areas where many people vacation and camp.

Boom was camping with his family when he was infected with the virus while he was merely breathing the surrounding air. Apparently, he also inhaled some dust that contained infected mice droppings. As to date, no other member of his family who was vacationing with him was infected. Boom didn't show the usual signs of any symptoms of the virus until about a week and a half after his return home.

Scientists say that the virus is much more contagious than the widely-known, and deadly AIDS virus, because of its potential to linger anywhere infected mice and their waste have been. Deer mice live practically everywhere in the U.S. with the exception of the Southeastern region. Utah, being one of the states in the danger zone,

has had a few cases of disease about a year ago when two people contracted the disease and died.

Other deaths throughout the decade have occurred, but the disease did not become a serious matter until several residents of the Navajo reservation contracted the virus and died. The virus has had its worst of fame in other countries south of our borders, but until recently, it hasn't been given the opportunity to leave its mark here in the States.

Scientists are still wary about stating whether or not they have found a possible cure for the virus. First, they must test its effects before even deciding how to come up with a cure. Until then, medical officials give words of warning to anyone living in the danger zone that goes from the Pacific Coast down Southwest into Texas:

—treat all deer mice as if they are infected with the virus;

—below clearing out an old cabin, properly ventilate the enclosed area, and wear a mask during the clearing to prevent you from breathing in mice droppings;

—Stay away from sick looking mice, and avoid being bitten by a potentially infected mouse.

Following these instructions while vacationing, as the search for the cure continues on, is a human's best bet to stay healthy and most importantly, alive.

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Cottonwood Student Drinking Poll

Case Venable
Staff Writer

A few weeks ago, Al Gore's fifteen-year-old daughter was caught with an open beer and received a \$500.00 fine for being under age and drinking. If Al Gore's daughter is drinking, then who else is? Surprisingly enough, a lot of teenagers in Utah.

When a poll was taken here at Cottonwood High, 144 students out of 239 students said they never drank; 23 said they drank often; 47 said they drank sometimes; and 24 said they rarely drank. That makes 94 out of 239 students who drink and are under age.

One of the biggest problems we have in the United States is people who drive drunk; 94 Utah citizens were killed in 1994 in drunk driving accidents, and about 1,200 are injured every year. In the poll that was mentioned above, 16 students admitted to driving drunk. They are fortunate not to be involved in a drunk driving accident.

So what makes kids drink at such a young age? Studies show they, like many adults, drink to get away from their problems. Some do

it to fit in, and some do it to have fun.

Many people wonder how these teenagers are able to obtain this alcohol. Kids these days could walk up to a person at a liquor store and ask them to buy it, and many could walk up to their parents and ask them to buy it. Fifty-two students said their parents know they drink or have drunk.

Benefit Concert Hits Cottonwood

Jewelry Miller
Staff Writer

Late this past summer, three girls were walking in an east bench residential neighborhood. A young drunk driver hit the three of them killing two of them, Elizabeth Phillips and Jennifer Nedda, and critically injuring the third. A concert was held Saturday, October twenty-first in Cottonwood High School auditorium in memory of the two who died.

In response to the deaths of the two Brighton girls and the injuries of the third, Brighton High School's S.A.D.D. chapter sought immediately to make an example of

them to use them to represent the devastating results of driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Therefore, the concert was promptly organized.

Performers at the concert included recording artist, Emily Richards, and our very own principal, Mike Bennett on guitar. So far, over thirty-two hundred dollars has been raised by the Brighton High School S.A.D.D. chapter. This is money which will be awarded as a scholarship to a lucky student, by choice of the Nedda and Phillips families. The most likely candidate is a student with a 3.5 grade point average or higher who has excelled in art and/or music.

Ozone Hole...Still Growing

Don Kiese
Staff Writer

The ozone hole over Antarctica is growing dangerously large. Its casualties include a higher risk of cancer in humans and animals and crop destruction. The ozone hole now measures the size of the entire continent of Europe, reports U.S. News & World Report. That's 3.9 million square miles. In fact, the United Nations' World Meteorological Organization has said that since 1957, the ozone layer has been depleted by 30-35%. Moreover, from July 1995 to present, the world has seen the most rapid destruction of the ozone layer ever. Unfortunately, it is not possible to replace the earth's ozone layer.

The ozone layer is crucial to the survival of humans and animals. Less ozone means more ultraviolet rays reach the earth. These rays greatly raise the risk of cancer in humans and animals and can damage crop production. PBB's Nature aired a program on the decreasing number of frogs in the world. The

increase of ultraviolet rays is being blamed for their deaths. Frogs have gas-permeable skin that is very sensitive to its surrounding air. Henceforth, the increased amount of U-V rays may be killing the frogs.

World-wide ozone depletion has occurred as well. Science News Magazine reported that sulfuric acid particles were spread across the entire globe in the 1991 eruption of Mount Pinatubo. This sulfuric acid helped speed the ozone destruction process. Ozone over the Northern Hemisphere was also weakened last winter due to chemical pollution and natural weather patterns.

The U.S. is the top producer of ozone depleting, greenhouse gases. The U.S. contributes 19% of all the world's greenhouse gases, says the U.S. News & World Report. The former countries of Soviet Union emit 14%, while China puts out 10%. Japan and Brazil each contribute 5% or less to the greenhouse gases which deplete the world's ozone.

However, Discover Magazine has said that 1995 is the last year

American industry will be using chlorofluorocarbons, which destroy ozone. Chlorofluorocarbons, or CFC's, are used in such things as insulation and refrigerators. This decision came about by a 136-nation agreement that banned CFC's. Nonetheless, if all countries did comply, scientists predict ozone levels would not fully recover for another 50 years.

Amongst all this destruction of the ozone layer, scientists say the ozone will start rebounding and become stronger within the next three to five years.

The size of the ozone hole over Antarctica is at an all-time high and much of the rest of the world is seeing very low ozone levels. However, the ozone destroyer, CFC's, are soon to be eliminated by most nations. This will greatly help heal our wounded ozone layer. If all goes well, and countries like action to fix our ozone layer and enforce the strict environmental laws, we will have a healed, stable, protective ozone layer once again.

Powell's Plan

Patricia McGee
Staff Writer

Colin Powell has become one of the most important faces in American politics today. His decision to run as a Republican or as an independent could change the race. Powell believes that a third party would "represent a sensible center of the American political spectrum."

Powell believes in a vision of America thinking as a family again. He believes in a vision of America "where extremes are not bullying each other, where while we create wealth, we create jobs, and while we make it into business easier and make money, we don't do it so that our fellow citizens are not enjoying the best of America." He does not believe in the race issue as a part of his political career. He wants to be seen as a fellow American.

Powell's autobiography, *My American Journey*, hit stores in mid-September and has gained popularity since. The story is "of a black kid of no early promise from an immigrant family of limited means who was raised in the South Bronx, and somehow rose to become the National Security Advisor to the President of the United States and then Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff." He is now involved on a 23-city, 20-day tour of America promoting his book.

When asked if he would run for president by Time Magazine he responded: "I'll stand with my family and those who care about me and make a decision as to what to do with the next phase of my life. Although many people wish to put it in a binary form-you're either going to run for a high political office or you're not-I have many more choices available to me that will allow me to serve the country."

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A College for Every Student

Dan Rorer
Staff Writer

For everyone planning on heading over to college, here are several lists of some of the best colleges in the U.S. These should prove to be of some usefulness in your quest for higher education. All the following lists were compiled by the folks at U.S. News & World Report's Annual Guide.

The overall top colleges in the nation listed from one through five are (surprise, surprise!) Harvard University (Mass.), Princeton University (N.J.), Yale University (Conn.), Stanford University (Calif.), and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The top two liberal arts colleges consist of some virtual unknowns. They are Amherst College (Mass.) and Swarthmore College (Penn.).

The top two engineering schools are Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) and Stanford (Calif.).

For all of you who want to go into business or marketing, the top two business schools are the University of California at Berkeley and University of Pennsylvania.

BYU placed 31st in the nation in the business college division, while the University of Utah placed 48th in the same category.

Despite the cost of school, your main concern for going to one of these colleges or universities is being accepted. Try your best on ACT/SAT tests, work hard to raise your GPA, and participate in extracurricular activities. Then, when you are finally accepted, this is the time to worry about your payment. Most national schools will do just about anything in terms of financial aid to get you to attend their school. You may get some form of financial aid like a scholarship or even a discount. Yes, a discount. You can apply for a student loan as well.

The best discount (yes, discounts) for tuition from schools comes from the California Institute of Technology (CalTech), with the average discount price of \$13,722, which comes as a discount of 48% of the regular tuition. Rice University came in next with a discounted sticker price of \$9,855; which is a discount of 45% from the regular tuition cost. Keep in mind that this list was compiled with not only cost but quality in mind.

Now, if you can't get a discount, here are some schools which have extremely reasonable sticker prices even without one. Good old Brigham Young University (BYU) came in first in the nation with a grand total cost of

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Welcoming the New Kid in Town

Jess Carlson
Column Editor

There's a new kid in town, in-famously known as preep-cop, hall boy, and rent a cop, but he prefers to be called Chris. You may have seen him and his clipboard following you around from time to time. He seems to be a pretty tough cop.

Chris is a Kinnis High graduate who is working here at Cottonwood while finishing his college studies, or until he gets sick of the job. I asked Chris how he likes Cottonwood so far. He said, "There is a variation of students and kids, but basically it's all pretty good."

Everyone seems to have an opinion on the new guy, bad or good even officer Hampton. "He's doing a good job. He's not afraid of writing tickets, and telling the students to get a move on. He's an improvement, and he's doing well," said Hampton with a satisfied smile.

All around, Chris seems to be an all right guy. He said, "I just want to get to the point where the kids respect me. If they respect me, I'll respect them. My goal is to have kids doing the best they can."

When I feared Chris to talk to him about this article, he had just finished writing this poem:

Knowing the halls like a real man from A...I

Helping the students get to class and don't fail.

Get them to class saying, "Where should you be?"

Helping just a few, if not all will listen to me. My job with a security plan.

Then I say, "Hey, where's your hall pass?" Well I don't have one. I'm going to class," or else, "I can get one, for real I can."

This is my job as a security man. He also added, "Good luck to the students, and don't let me catch you."



Amanda Hughes, Senate President, is left speaking with the "hall boy" or hall monitor, Chris, represents his for being out of class and wandering through the halls while class is in session. Photo by Laura Carter

Jump This...Do the Bungee

Dan Cramer
Staff Writer

Take a deep breath, don't look down, it will be over in a couple of seconds. Ready? Three...two...one...BUNGEE! Bungee jumping is an extreme sport that has become more conservative, but no less popular, over the years. The Free Fall Tower by the 400-Street Galleria is Utah's jumping-off point into the world of bungee addiction.

The faint of heart should be warned. Before there is any jumping, a form must be signed to release the company from any lawsuits if there is injury or death. This formality aside, it's time to jump. There are several options available to prospective jumpers: the more conventional harness jump (one jump \$22, one is \$27), or the exciting ankle jump (one jump \$27). Next, you climb the 80 ft. bungee tower to await hookup. The bungee is attached and you're on your own to jump however or whenever you want.

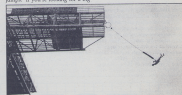
There are several approaches to doing the bungee: the regular step off, the Fugitive (kneeling at the end of the tower and then falling off), or the Batman (suspended by the feet, similar to a cherry drop). No matter

how you jump, once you leave the tower you are falling. The sensation of flying is incredible and is experienced four to five times as the rider bounces back and forth. Then finally you are lowered to the net to either kiss the ground and resolve never to leave it again, or to run to the stairs to go for another jump.

For anyone interested you can contact Free Fall Tower (866) 288-0055, at 5038 S. 300 W., Murray, UT. 84123, or look up "bungee" in the phone book. At the Tower, prices range from \$22-\$26 depending on the package you choose. After one jumping run you get \$5 off all other jumps. If you're looking for a big-

ger thrill like bridge jumping (illegal in the U.S.), there are several companies in California who will gladly accommodate you. With the thrill comes a higher price, anywhere from \$60-\$150.

Now to the doom and gloom. You are defying nature by jumping off 80 foot towers or 300 foot bridges. There is a risk. However, at the Tower the cards are changed every 300 jumps. The actual death rate across the world is one in 300,000 jumps per year. Safety is proven by the numerous successful jumps. So do the bungee...Ready? Three...Two...One...



Matt Hays gives demonstration of his bungee technique. Photo by Dan Cramer

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HIGH SCHOOL CLIMBING LEAGUE

Attention Television Junkies!!

Joe Carlson and Alison Anderson
Columnist, Editor and Staff Writer

If you think you watch as much TV as the authors of this quiz, then please feel free to take this quiz. You just might get a picture of Dennis Weaver sitting on a camel.

Game Shows

1. What game show featured people saying "no whammie, no whammie?"

- Let's Make a Deal
- Press Your Luck
- Third Degree

2. Alex Trebek did not host what game show?

- Jeopardy
- Classic Concentration
- Scrabble

Cherry 70's and 80's Shows

3. What was Christine's real name in *Tiara's Company*?

- Christine Thomas
- Christina Snow
- Gerlie Pickett

4. What show featured the "Sweet Hug?"

- Midkew Back, Katter
- The Guys Next Door
- Head of the Class

5. In *Knight Rider*, the talking car's name was _____.

6. Who originally wrote the theme song to the show *The Monkees*?

- The Monkees
- The Clash
- The New York Dolls

7. What show had an episode where Chris Elliott's character thought he was *Amish*?

- Saturday Night Live*
- Late Night with David Letterman*
- Get A Life*

Fantasy Shows

8. Who owned the invisible plane and the rope of truth?

- Superwoman
- Wonder Woman
- Cat Woman

9. On what television show did Tatum say, "de plane, de plane!"

- My Secret Identity*
- House Five*
- Fantasy Island*

Cartoons

10. Who was the voice of Shaggy in *Scooby-Doo*?

- Casey Kasem
- Robin Williams
- Jim Henson

11. Trus or Pals: Jen's real name is Jenika, in the show *Jen*.

12. What cartoon character had mechaheads?

- Papa Smurf
- Inspector Gadget
- Strawberry Short Cake

13. Who was the Master of the Universe?

- Johnny Rotten
- Mr. T
- He-Man

14. The quote "You're right Joe, there are more red cars than blue cars," came from what cartoon show?

- New Kids on the Block
- Fat Albert
- Capen

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Brace Yourselves for More

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As you may have well heard by now, there may be no heat at all in the building during winter. Because

of the school's somewhat outdated heat control system, different areas of the building could receive different temperatures. This means that there will be cold and hot spots, and none of the custodians know for sure where they'll hit. If you come to school dressed warmly because of the cold weather outside, be prepared to sweat your night in Florida possibly due to the extremely hot temperature in your fourth period class, or freezing your body parts off in another class.

All of this comes as a real inconvenience to the students of Cottonwood who already have had a difficult time

dealing with climate control. It's hard enough for us to concentrate in class as is, let alone having to deal with uncomfortable temperatures. In the beginning of the year the school had a slight problem of being



too hot because of a broken-down cooler in the building. (UPDATE: as of the date of the writing of this article, OCTOBER, the cooler has not

yet been repaired). With the unpredictability faced later on in the winter, one might wonder what exactly is happening to deal with this strange situation.

Here's the scenario as to date. Bids from contractors are still being reviewed by the school board. The decision as to which contractor to offer the job to probably won't be issued until a month after it's been presented. The school board meets on every third Tuesday of the month. Even getting the proposal to a vote would be a huge step towards completion. If all goes well, within a couple of months, there actually

might be controlled heat in the school. But wait, the problem doesn't stop here. The controls to the school's climate control system themselves are out-of-date and need to be replaced. Perry Fuller, the head custodian, says that with luck, these will be replaced, along with the heating system with the contributions of State and District funds.

Evidently it seems that anything could occur this winter. Don't be surprised if you walk into a class with the climate of a South American tropical rain forest in the dead of winter.

What are the Stars Telling You Today?

Connie Lee Jones
Associate Editor

Aries March 21-April 20

This month your restlessness will cause serious problems for you, in school and work, if you can't keep it in check. Also, someone close to you will need a little extra support, so try to be a bit more sensitive than you usually are and you will help this person out a lot.

Taurus April 21-May 20

Your patient nature will serve you well this month as the atmosphere in your life begins to build up, but stick it out and you will come out on top. You may also be getting a bit too prescriptive with your significant other. Stop crowding this person and you'll get along much better.

Gemini May 21-June 21

With your naturally out-going personality, this month will be a great time for socializing, but be careful not to neglect your responsibilities by getting too caught up in all the action.

Cancer June 22-July 22

Due to your emotional sensitivity, someone may say something this month that will hurt your feelings. Try to keep in mind that this person didn't mean to be deliberately cruel, and don't dwell on it. By doing something extra nice for yourself, you will be able to make yourself feel better.

Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Your desire to control everyone and everything around you may be getting a little out-of-hand this month. Try to check yourself and give fewer orders. People will appreciate it.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sep. 22

You will be doing especially well in school this month, but don't take it for granted. Keep up your

hard work. Also try not to interfere in other's lives too much this month, or it just might blow up in your face.

Libra Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Your easy-going nature will make you great company this month. Your life should pretty much be in harmony, but with everything going so well, don't forget to appreciate it. This month may also be the last time for awhile that you can get outside to enjoy the outdoors you love so much.

Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 23

Happy birthday, Scorpio! This will be a great month for love. If you have a current love interest the two of you will be drawn closer together, if you don't, never fear, romance could be waiting right around the corner.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You may find as if your freedom is being challenged this month, but actually someone is just concerned for you. Take that person's actions for what they are meant to be, and don't shut them out.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

The stress of school will hit you hard this month, so try some relaxation to help you wind down. It will seem like everything is coming at you at once, but you will be able to handle it as long as you stay focused. It will all pay off in the end.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Some of your outrageous ideas may put you into conflict with some of your more conservative friends, but stick by your beliefs, and you will persevere.

Pisces Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You will have a lot going on this month, so be careful not to spread yourself too thin. Things will be going great with friends and family, so enjoy it while it lasts.

New Channel Adds Interesting Angle to Music

Dan Riese
Staff Writer

You may have stumbled across a new UHF TV station. However, it's no ordinary station; it's a music video station. It's called the Box, Channel 38; unfortunately, not all areas of the valley will receive tonight. The Box originates out of Miami Beach, Florida. Best of all, it's free.

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The Music Man Who's in the

Behind the Scenes at Cottonwood's Music Man

Laura Carter
Photography Editor

Behind the scenes at the musical can closely be related to a full time ring circus, including the wild animals. Over 100 people are currently used in every day rehearsals, directed by Dr. Jackness, Curt Strickler, Jim Jarvis, and Sue Pearson.

When not on stage, members of the musical run lines, rehearse dance numbers, or work on their songs. There isn't a minute that goes by where someone isn't rehearsing. With all the rehearsing, rest is always welcome. The sleeping aides in the auditorium provide excellent sleeping quarters, and many can be found trying to catch a few Z's before the next big musical number goes on. Five major musical numbers are in *The Music Man*, which ensure the chorus has a very big part. This is unusual, but gives all of the people in the musical an opportunity to get their 15 seconds of fame.

If you are looking for an opportunity to meet lots of fun and happy people, try out for a part in the musical crowd. All your desires. The musical is an excellent way to meet and make friends.

While all of the actors are getting prepared, so are the stage crew, costumes, and prop collectors. Mr. Siebach is in charge of the lighting and building of the sets for the musical. This year, the stage has built an addition to bring the actors closer to the audience.

Over 200 costumes are used in the musical and Jodie Wright, Cottonwood's full time costumer, is constantly busy. *The Music Man* is such a period piece that even the chorus has to be properly dressed from their hats to their shoes.

The funniest moments in rehearsal are when the young men learn to dance. Dancing around with a pool cue in your hand is hard enough, but just try to do it on a three foot platform surrounded by an open pit full of musicians; it's almost an accident waiting to happen.

Running the same lines over and over can get a little dull, so in order to keep the cast happy, every once in awhile the leads really ham it up with fake and bizarre accents and extremely exaggerated hand motions. The Back Island scene that opens up the musical has been known to have Russians, Englishmen, Germans, and old women's voices when ordinarily it's just a bunch of grumpy, old salesmen.

As hard as the cast works to make an excellent musical, they always find time to have fun and play around. The balance of work and "play" is perfect.

Tuckness Runs the Show

Georgia Bellinger
Staff Writer

If you haven't been over to the north-east section of the school lately, then you haven't seen the new head of the drama department, Dr. Cory Tuckness, who replaced the legendary Jean Hahn. When asked what he was doing different this year, he said that he wasn't changing too much. The department has been doing great for 25 years, and hopefully it will keep up its outstanding reputation.

There weren't too many candidates for the job, so because he had worked alongside Mrs. Hahn for several years and has a doctorate in drama, he was an excellent choice. Jodie Wright, the fulltime costume coordinator and coach here at Cottonwood, helped his wonderful crew, Dr. Tuckness allows his talent to flow.



tenness said, "He's always been active in the Drama Department and has been a strong influence in competition."

One change that has been made this year is that there will not be the Children's Theater, mainly due to lack of funds. Instead there

will be a night of one act plays, where students will perform on the auditorium stage (not arena style) for a small crowd. Then, of course, there will be the musical, the play in the Little Theater, and the three student directed plays.

Dr. Tuckness is especially excited for competition this year. Having already taken second place in the Shakespearean Competition, he is ready to take on Region and State with high expectations. With Jodie Wright at his side, they are as strong as ever.

What's it All About?

Georgia Bellinger
Staff Writer

A crooked salesman chooses an Iowa town to run his next scam in the musical comedy, *The Music Man*. He convinces the unsuspecting townspeople that the excitement of the town, a new pool table, is going to inevitably lead to trouble, and that they are in need of something wholesome in their lives, namely a boy's band, which he can, incidentally, provide them with.

He sells each of the town's young boys an instrument and uniform by sweet-talking their parents, and promising to give each boy lessons and be their band leader. The problem, he can't read music.

It is necessary that he keeps up his charade as a music teacher for awhile, so he makes up a "think system" teaching strategy. If you can think the music, you can play it, and you shouldn't pick up the instrument until you feel confident you can play.

With only two obstacles, the mayor and the librarian, the sly salesman reels in the mayor's men, and distracts them any time they ask him a question. Next he tries to court the librarian in order to distract her.

The salesman and librarian fall in love, so when the inevitable truth is revealed, she comes to his rescue. The play ends happily ever after, not only for the salesman and librarian, but the entire town.



You wanted seventy six tintrousers?

Laura Carter and Georgia Bellinger
Photography Editor and Staff Writer

Professor Hill

Professor Hill is a sly, persuasive person which, is good considering he is a traveling salesman and con man. He doesn't really know himself and sometimes he even thinks he is invincible to emotions and feelings that he doesn't want to feel. He thinks no one can figure him out, and he likes to play with others emotions to see their reactions.

Mark Giles has been acting since seventh grade and has been singing since ninth grade. He has played a variety of roles including: Peter in a production of *Scrooge*, the oldest prince in *The King and I*, Nanky Poo in *Pages Lanes* Production of *Miladko*, and at Cottonwood, he played *El Gallo* in *The Fantasticks*.

"Mark is not only a good actor, he is also a kind, loving person," says friend Sarah Dodge.

"Mark is not just the Music Man, he's an exceptional actor," Tim Wright commented. So if for no other reason, "Come to the show to see me finally kiss a girl," Mark joked.

Marion Pansa

Her character is very particular; she won't go out with just anyone. People in town don't like her because they think she is loaning the kids dirty books, even though she isn't.

Angie has been in several plays including: *Peggy Sue*, *South Pacific*, *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, *My Fair Lady*, and *La Boheme*, an opera. She says "This is the funnest play I have ever been in."

Marcelus

Marcelus is an old partner of Professor Hill's who used to participate in his schemes and has now settled down in a small Iowa town. He works in a stable and rents out rigs to the towns people.

Gail Johnson has quite a resume also; he was the Wizard in the *Wizard of Oz*, Leon Caligosh in *Assassins*, Bob McGray in *South Pacific*, Quig, the head wizard, in *Peggy Sue*, Witch, and Huckleberry in the *Fantasticks*.

Gail would like everyone to know that he is accepting flowers, candy, money, and anything that is redeemable (please bring receipts).

• Heads Into Town

Who Musical

Mayer Shinn

Mayer Shinn is a loud mouth, who thinks he is dignified. He is a buffoon. But, he tries to save the town from Harold Hill because the town is like his baby.

Jeff Zornes said that at his old school in Kansas, where he used to live, they wrote their own plays and performed them. He said that they had a lot more artistic freedom in Kansas.

He also said that he would prefer to sign as few autographs after the show as possible because it gets annoying being mobbed.

Eulalie Shinn

"My character is the comic relief, she's quite the funny lady," Laura Carter joked. Eulalie Shinn is the Mayor's wife, she is old, snazzy, funny, and easily flattered.

Laura has played in *Cinderella*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Peggy Sue*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Peggy Sue*, *Love Me a Tender*, and *The Fantasticks*.

Zaneeta Shinn

Happy and bubbly, Zaneeta meets a boy who is the town ruffian and gets in trouble with her father, played by Boni Newell.

Tammy Djilas

The town ruffian who starts dating Zaneeta Shinn, played by Jason Lyday.

The Quartet

Members of the school board who are constantly bickering, played by Paul Peterson, James Stewart, Richard Pullmer, and Anthony Southworth.

Mrs. Faroo

Irish widow who tries to help her daughter find a husband, played by Cindy Voeckes.

Charlie Coswell

Travelling salesman who tries to put a stop to Professor Harold Hill, played by Joe Smith.



November 17, 20, and 21

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Auditorium

\$6.00 General Admission

Expectations

Alisa Anderson
Staff Writer

This year's musical, *The Music Man*, written by Meredith Willson, begins on Friday, November 17th, with no shows on Saturday and Sunday, and then will restart on Monday, the 20th, and will end on Tuesday the 21st.

All shows will start at 7:00 P.M., and tickets will be \$6.00 or \$5.00 with your activity card.



Music Man's cast and crew take a well deserved break after a hard day at work.

ACTION: Earthquake Alert Announced

Karen Hideo
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, October 11th, all of Cottonwood got under their desks for a low-magnitude earthquake drill. Students and faculty were to implement "Action: Drop and Cover," being careful to stay away from glass windows, shield the head, and remain calm. Those in specialized areas such as the swimming pool, auditorium, cafeteria, and gymnasium moved away from

loose equipment, sat facing a supporting wall, and protected their heads. Others in typing, home economics, art, music, science, or shop areas also had special procedures for dropping and covering.

Three minutes after the first action, all teachers should have initiated "Action: Leave Building," unless other instructions came over the P.A. system. As the drill began, the school was informed that there would be no further communication after "drop and cover." Most teach-

ers familiar with the Emergency Preparedness Procedures evacuated their classes. In part, the drill was intended to inform all about earthquake awareness. Students are encouraged to take safety precautions in their homes as well as at school.

As many of you know, we live close to the threatening Wasatch Fault, a fault which, when moved, will produce an earthquake more

intense than any we have ever experienced. Many analyze the quake as a question of "not if, but when." When destruction finally arrives, we need to be ready.

How well-prepared will Cottonwood be in the face of an earthquake? See for yourself this spring when students and faculty have another chance to practice the earthquake emergency procedures.

Slang is "Awesome"

Joni Carlson
Comment Editor

Teenagers and many adults use slang every day. It's the way people express themselves, but slang isn't new, it's been around for hundreds of years. Your parents and grandparents used it. Even in the book *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott, Jo uses the phrase "Christopher Columbus," which was considered slang for that time period.

Slang words are very much a part of people's vocabulary. Have you ever noted how many times a day people will say, "You're cool" or "that sucks"? Seriously, you could tell someone your dad died, and his reaction would probably be slang the lines of, "Trn sorry, that really sucks."

Every generation has their own set of slang words. Half of a century ago, someone might tell you to stop being a "nervous Nellie," or in other words, a worrier.

Twenty-five years ago you might have heard people using words like, "groovy" or "far-out."

But believe it or not, some of these words are still used today, not just by the left over Greg Brady's, but by real-life people in their adolescence.

In the 1980's, people were saying things like, "radical" and "awesome". These words are also still used, and a lot of times over-used.

Some of the slang that is used today is, of course, "cool" and "sucks", but according to the NEA Today's Teen Talk Glossary, other words being used in the halls of schools are "as if," meaning yeah, right, "Dope," meaning stylish, and "word" for agreement. Personally, I have never heard anyone, except in movies, talk shows, or if they are joking around use these words, but you never know.

What we do know is slang becomes ripe very quickly and there is always a new "dope" word we kids are using. Try to expand your vocabulary a little and express yourself in other ways than "cool" for the good things and "sucks" for the bad. Always remember, a little slang goes a long way.

Art Club: The True Artists

Erin Glascock
Guest Writer

This year's 1995-1996 Art Club is bursting with pride. This is Cottonwood's largest Art Club ever, with 40 members, including the four officers. The Art Club is advised by Mrs. McDonald, and the officers are Cliff Johnson, president; Erin Glascock, vice-president; Melodie Shaya, Treasurer; and Amy Branscomb, secretary.

The Art Club meets once a month, on the third Thursday, throughout the year. So far, they have made T-shirts with their own logo, and then tie-dyed them. The rest of the year, they will paint pumpkins, create claymation, go on gallery strolls, do wheel thrown pottery, and many other exciting activities. If you love art, the cost is only five dollars, so join with the "True Artists" and be a member of Cottonwood's best Art Club ever.

Art Club Officers



MEL SHAYA
(HISTORIAN)



AMY BRANSCOMB
(SECRETARY)



ERIN GLASCOCK
(VICE PRESIDENT)



CLIFF JOHNSON
(PRESIDENT)

Music for the Brain

David Crower
Staff Writer

If you took a survey among teens of their favorite types of music, classical would not rate very high on the list. In fact, it is questionable if it would make the list at all. What classical music lacks in popularity, it makes up for in beauty and usefulness.

Classical music is food for the mind. Complex harmony, intricate rhythm and beautiful melody all come together to stimulate the mind. It has been proven that those students who listen to classical music, especially Mozart, do better in school and on tests. Classi-

cal music is beneficial music that makes people better.

Utah has the great fortune of having a wonderful symphony, performing almost every week. The Utah Symphony performs at Abravanel Hall on Fridays and Saturdays. They play everything from Mahler's Symphonies to old film scores. There's music there for everyone.

So make the symphony your next weekend activity. It's only \$5, less than a movie, and a whole lot better. Instead of killing your brain at a movie, go to the symphony and do something good for a change. Your mind will thank you.

New Tool for Parents

Connie True from
Associate Editor

Parent-link, the new phone system, Cottonwood High School is implementing this year. In an effort to bridge the gap between the school and the parents, it is supposed to be fully up and running by second semester. There is currently one line open, and the number is 275-2030. Parent-link is going to include voice mailboxes for each teacher and administrator where parents can leave messages for their child's teacher. Parents will also be able to call in and

see how their student is progressing in any class.

Mr. Bennett thinks it will be useful to the students, because "in any given week the students will be able to find out their percentages, grades, scoring average, and find out about missed homework."

Some Colts have been expressing concern over their parents being able to have complete access to their grades. Mr. Bennett doesn't believe that it should be anything for students to worry about, because "deep down inside, even those who are failing want to succeed."

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Grow Up! Cheating, Facts are Shocking!

Jennifer Miller
Staff Writer

In the U.S. judicial system, persons under the age of eighteen committing a crime are, in most cases, tried differently than adults guilty of the same crimes. Some exceptions include: minors suspected of having committed murder or aggravated murder are always tried as adults; juveniles that have been sent to Decker Lake, or another secure facility, are automatically tried as adults upon commission of their next crime; and juveniles suspected of one out of about ten serious crimes will start in the juvenile justice system, but it can later be decided they should be tried as adults.

The difference in sentencing between juveniles and adults is that the absolute maximum sentence that a minor, tried as such, can receive is being locked up until twenty-one years of age.

I feel minors should be tried as adults, especially minors guilty of serious crimes (murder, rape, driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol). As I asked others for their opinions, my opinion that all offenders should be tried equally, seemed somewhat. As new ideas were presented to me, I began to see some reasons for the separate sentences. These ideas include the fact that minors are less likely to be "set in their ways," and can therefore be rehabilitated.

Whether minors should be tried as adults depends largely on the crime, and the circumstances under which the crime was committed. It is difficult to define all the aspects of one's opinion when speaking of such a complex issue as this, but one thing is certain, many existing laws would have to be revised if it were decided that all juvenile offenders, regardless of the nature of their crime were tried as adults. This is simply due to the fact that it is unfair to tell people that they are mature enough to reap the full consequences of their actions, but in the same breath tell them that they are not responsible, nor mature enough, to decide who their leaders should be.

Kerrie Haino
Staff Writer

Have you ever cheated? Do you feel guilty? According to a U.S. News inquiry, 80% of high school students have cheated at least once, half of whom feel no guilt. And guess what else—most of these students are college bound! But even more surprising, students are not the only ones who admit to dishonesty in school. Another published statistic found widespread teacher-aided cheating on standardized tests. In fact, a teacher was arrested in California last year for displaying S.A.T. answer sheets on the walls of her classroom. Counselors in a New York public school were discovered changing and correcting several standardized reading tests. The list

goes on and on and on; it seems that schools for scandal have sprung up all over the nation.

What on earth compels us to cheat? Excuses of Cottonwood students are similar to those of high school students across the country: lack of study time, tremendous pressure to do well, brain freeze on test day, and easy access to cheating aids. Some college-bound students feel that they must cheat to "make the grade." Teachers and principals feel the same pressure for high scores on standardized tests or AP exams. When the newspaper compares the scores of one school to the rest of the scores in the state, there is tremendous pressure for school officials to look good. Tests scores are also closely looked at when candidates for special teaching awards are chosen.

With all this pressure and stress, who would actually forfeit the opportunity to cheat? When school systems and society can measure intelligence and teaching methods by test scores and grades only, who needs learning anymore?

Certainly, however, Cottonwood retains a higher level of education—unintimidated by the typical pressures associated with "school." Indeed, Colt pride runs in high academics, but also in our arts, our band, our drama, our debate, our sports, our dance, and our ability to produce "More students better prepared for tomorrow's world." Alexander Hamilton may have said it best, "Never let school get in the way of your education." Shall we rise to the challenge?

The Latest Craze: Veganism?

Reine Dally
Staff Writer

No, no, no, it's not the hair club for men. And no, it's not Chelsea Clinton's latest fashion statement. It's the other craze which is sweeping across the countryside. It's big. It's stupendous. It's VEGANISM.

Vega—what you eat? Okay, let's start with the basics, what exactly is a vegan? A vegan, in my own terms, is an individual who chooses not to consume any animal products. This includes milk, eggs, gelatin, anything that contains or has come directly from an animal. Why would someone want to live his life with this type of diet? Well, my reasons are: I feel healthier, I'm not contributing to the inhumane process in which most animal products are taken, my senses have become more alert, nothing I eat is fattening, and it feels better to my conscience. Basically, the way I look at it, my body is free of that type of poison and stress.

If veganism is gone about the wrong way, though, many bad results can occur such as: brittle bones, disintegration of tooth enamel, low immunity, back and neck pain, swelling of the joints, vision distortion, and many other physical problems.

Meat and dairy products provide essential proteins and nutrients. Not all can be compensated for with a pill or a vegetable, but many can. If you're considering or already have decided to cut all animal products out of your diet, be sure you have the knowledge to live a healthy lifestyle.

I also no longer buy leather or fur. The number of products produced with animal skin is huge; products like shoes, clothing, watches, or buffing cloths, some

contraceptives, furniture, the list goes on and on. But you don't have to buy things made with animal by products. All of the things mentioned above are available in a friendlier more humane material.

Does the fact that I don't eat anything that has had a face, don't buy any inhumane hygienic products, won't use a flit razor, and don't drink milk make a difference to me already disgusting animal treatment? To me it does.

Going Your Way?

Reine Dally
Staff Writer

Cottonwood High School provides a service for kids who stay after school for sports or other extracurricular activities. It's the activity bus. The bussing service transports students from Cottonwood to Taylorsville and Bennion areas. It stops at certain points on main roads in these areas.

During football season, the bus stops at Cottonwood twice a day, once at 4:25 and again at 5:50. All other times of the year, the bus leaves daily at 4:25. Kids from Bonanza

Junior High also ride bus #425. According to Don McPhee from Granite School District's transportation department the bus service has been around for nearly ten years.

Cottonwood isn't the only school with an activity bus, though. Many Utah high schools offer an after school transportation program for kids involved in sports, drama, choir and other such extracurricular activities.

So, if you are "careless" and have things to take care of after school which can't be accomplished during school hours, the activity bus is a great idea for you.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have enjoyed reading articles in the paper, although there are some things I feel could be added to appeal more to the student body as a whole. If you are going to write news, please relate it to us. Most people would be interested in more entertainment. All that news is too much and just too boring. Just do something to make the paper more appealing to the students, not the teachers.

Sincerely,
Bored

Dear Board,

By stating that the news articles make the newspaper boring to you, you

are implying that high school students are not mature enough to concern themselves with world issues that affect our lives every day. And you saying that we live in our own little world in which the only thing that concerns us is what is playing at the local theatre? We will have to make important decisions when we reach voting age, which is only a few years away in most cases, and part of making these decisions is being informed.

Twenty-five percent of our last newspaper was news, and out of that 25%, 40% was directly related to school, so only about one tenth of the last issue was world news related. In reality, the majority of the newspaper is directly related to the school or representative of

the student body.

Part of our goal, as a high school newspaper, is to inform Cottonwood students so that they can make educational decisions as they approach adulthood.

Sincerely,
David Walter
Editor in Chief

Dear Editor,

As a concerned student, I am writing to express my deep disappointment and sincere displeasure with KOLT News here at Cottonwood.

HELLO! WHERE IS THE QUALITY CONTROL? Although I have not particularly enjoyed any broadcasts of KOLT news this year, I found the Halloween edition to be in extremely poor taste. Not only was it racist, sexist, disgusting, point-

less, violent, degrading, embarrassing, bigoted, lewd and filled with bawdy language, it was also a waste of time. I genuinely hope the anchors, directors, reporters, and producers of KOLT News will invest a little more time to prepare a broadcast that is more educational, enlightening, substantial, and witty than those last few digressions.

At present, I feel these 15 to 25 minute sessions could be better spent, (gasp!) well, learning. So until KOLT News gets its act together, I strongly urge teachers and students to turn off, tune out, or otherwise boycott this ignominious disgrace of Cottonwood. I mean, isn't KOLT News something we should take pride in?

Sincerely,
K.R. Concerned



Cottonwood High School

COMMENT

"Sagging"

Patrick McGee
Staff Writer

Gang activity has become a major problem in society today. The solution to this problem has been given to, for the most part, public schools. As a result, schools have enacted rules against "promoting gang activity." One such rule is there is to be no "sagging of ones pants." Many teenagers wear baggy pants for various reasons. Gang members are an extremely small group who sag. Skaters wear baggy pants for more flexibility while skating. Others wear baggy pants to challenge the status quo.

For some reason, people equate baggy pants with violence and gang activity. If wearing baggy pants has become such a problem, why are baseball bats still legal to wear? Many gang members wear hats all the time. Banning baggy pants because a violent group prefers to wear them is an unrealistic solution to this problem.

Recently, I was stopped for "promoting gang activity." I was not annoyed for the pesky trying to enforce the rules, but when he targets the wrong people, while ignoring the real problem, then he has no right in the enforcement of these rules.

Connie Trax Jensen
Associate Editor

The Halloween KOLT newscast was postponed due to the staff's refusal to edit out certain offensive items. After re-editing the broadcast and submitting it to Mr. Bennett, it was allowed to be aired.

I was allowed to view the original, uncensored version of the broadcast, and upon watching the "edited" version, I was totally disgusted by what the KOLT News Staff was able to get away with. Sure they edited out the section with "Juan droppings", as well as the segment where Juan was beaten with a rake, but while being

inappropriate, I found the sections that were edited out to be much less offensive than the sections that were left in. The KOLT News team said h—, bleeped another particularly offensive phrase, used sexist language in reference to women in short skirts, affected racist "Japanese" accents, and demonstrated an extreme intolerance towards anyone who is different.

KOLT News at its best falls short of one's expectations. This particular broadcast, however, had the distinct privilege of also being narrow-minded, offensive, racist, sexist and obscene. To call such tripe news is to stretch the bounds of one's imagination. By allowing such

drivel to air we are painting a grim picture of Cottonwood students as unmannered fools. Teenagers as a whole are already thought of as not being responsible, and the last thing we need is for KOLT News to reinforce that image with their silly antics.

The KOLT News Staff needs to be brought in hand and made to follow a strict editorial policy. The staff members should be enough common sense to know what is tasteful and relevant, but if common sense is in short supply, they need more stringent guidelines and should not be able to air the first thing that comes to mind.

What Would We Do Without PBS?

Stephanie Blossom
News Editor

"Can you tell me how to get, how to get to Sesame Street?" We all know the words to this song. Most of us grew up on PBS. "Mister Rogers," "Captain Kangaroo," "The Pelka Dot Dingo," and now our younger siblings and a few of us watch shows like "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?", "Shining Time Station," "Barney" (as much as we hate it, some little tykes believe the sun sets and rises over

that big, purple, polyester dinosaur's head) and others. So if so many of us watched and learned from these shows, why is Congress cutting federal funding to these programs?

Public television is educational, commercial free, entertaining and helpful to teachers all over the country. Here at Cottonwood, Mrs. Deyle uses the Canadian public television program "Tele Francos", the health teachers show the Emmy-award winning NOVA documentary, "The Miracle of Life". Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Blumel-Wil-

son use the Nature video series to provide their students with a close up of what's in their textbooks. How is any of this replaceable? Public television stations struggle to bring these shows to us. Their yearly fund raising drives barely make enough to cover the cost of half a year's worth of programming. The rest of the money comes from federal grants and private philanthropic donations. If funding is cut we will not be able to enjoy many of these programs. Write to your congressman. Tell him you want more Big Bird.

Concurrent vs. A.P.

Jennifer Miller
Staff Writer

As of the 1994-1995 school year at Cottonwood High School, students wishing to take classes concurrent with the Salt Lake Community College may do so free of charge, whereas before, a single full-year class would cost \$150.

This has piqued the concern of some, such concerns as whether the A.P. program will continue to exist, or collapse because students will opt for the new free concurrent classes.

In a concurrent class, as well as being free of charge, students who pass the class are guaranteed college credit at S.L.C.C., and can transfer the

credit to most other Utah colleges. In an A.P. class however, a student gets no college credit unless they pay a \$75 fee to take a test at the end of the year and pass the test for credit.

What these concerned individuals apparently fail to realize is that the A.P. program is a nationwide program, and therefore, the credit received is much more readily accepted as college credit than credit received from S.L.C.C. Also, the A.P. program offers more courses than S.L.C.C., both in number and advancement. I believe these two facts alone, provide security for the A.P. program, and those who won't be turned away from the A.P. program because of year-end costs.

Laziness Plagues All

Jessica Kinser
Staff Writer

No one more than I would rather be lying around and spending a nice long afternoon sleeping, sprawled out in bed, and maybe even feeling the heat of the sun coming through my window.

Well, only on the weekends. Every day we drag ourselves to school in the pitch dark, miss the sunrise, go to class and suffer the pains of the morning. What for? Well, a little piece of paper that says you have been learning stuff for fourteen years.

It's life. It just has to happen. I figure we're all in high school, maybe some of us not mentally, but we are. If you've made it through

school this many years, then you might as well finish, right?

I see lots of kids our age just giving up. They hate school so they quit going. There are a lot of kids enrolling this year at Cottonwood, which basically means that the school is babysitting all those kids. Why can't those kids just convince themselves that these last few years of school are nothing compared to their average life span? People live to be anywhere from 60-80 years old. What's a few more years of learning going to hurt?

My basic point is that almost everyone finishes high school these days and with just a little effort, even you can have one of those fourteen year pieces of paper by the time you leave high school.

Driving is difficult enough ...



Don't make it impossible!



A message from Cottonwood Pediatrics

Cottonwood High School

Hey, Give Us a Home. Here!

Connie Jones
Associate Editor

Girls softball, being only about five years old, is a relatively new sport here at Cottonwood High

School, as far as athletics are concerned. When girls softball first came to CHS, there wasn't a field for them to play on, since one had never been needed before. And guess what? There still isn't a field that the softball team can use. In

order for the team to practice, they have to travel to Taylorsville, which is far enough away to make the commute inconvenient. All of the softball team's "home" games are also played at Taylorsville. Notice that the term "home game" is used very lightly considering that the games

are not played at the teams' home, Cottonwood.

The most logical way to prevent the girls' team from having to use an off-campus field would be to have them share the guy's baseball

in on the grass." Mr. Bennett also said that having the baseball and softball teams share a field wouldn't work, because if they both had home games scheduled on the same day, only one of the teams would have

enough time to use the diamond.

Since sharing the diamond is out, the next most logical thing would be to build the girls their own field. That dream, however, is also a far off reach, because there just isn't enough money in the school budget to



pay for the construction of a new field. Mr. Bennett declared that the only way the girls' softball team is likely to get a diamond of their own is the same way the Cottonwood football team finally got football lights, and that is by having a fund

raiser.

Photo by Dan Reese

Above: Girls softball team dreams of having a field of their own at Cottonwood someday.

Top Juniors on Varsity Volleyball Team

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This year's varsity girls volleyball team gets an "A" for effort. This particular article alone is not just on the volleyball team, but on two specific players, Michelle Bennett and Debbie Harbertson.

These two juniors have displayed outstanding capabilities and a drive to compete on the court. I asked both players how they liked volleyball this year; both agreed that it has been a fun season. Michelle said, "I love volleyball!" It was hard with no wins. In fact, it was really hard having a losing season, but being with the girls and working hard made it worth it."

Above: Super volleyball player, Debbie Harbertson, daydreams about trophies they'll win next year.

Debbie said, "We've made some close relationships and close



friendships. We've worked hard and practiced."

I also asked the two girls if maybe they had one specific talent that would set them aside from others on the team. Debbie said, "I'm left-handed, and I play the weak side more, I try to be positive and get everyone excited."

Michelle said, "I have a positive attitude on the court. I never give up." Well, if you've ever seen Michelle play, she can jump higher than anyone I know.

The girls' varsity team hasn't seen any wins so far this season, but these two juniors seem to be stepping out of the pack. So maybe next year will be a better year for our Cottonwood Colts girls varsity team. Good luck!

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Gods of Golf Triumph

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As far as golf goes, the triumphant golfers here at Cottonwood just finished off a great five-tournament season. This year, the five top-ranking golf stars are Mac Machan, Shawn Anderson, Rob Fox, Sara Hale, and Dan Springer. Our excellent team also included: Mike Schweitzer, Brett Smith, TJ Chelgas, Charlie Johnson, Brian Cowley, Ron Sandford, and Dan West. Together, this relatively young golf team practiced all summer and competed through September, claiming third place at Region and ranking seventh out of the sixteen schools who competed at State. The captain of

Cottonwood's incredible golf team, Dan Springer, made us especially proud when he brought back the Academic All-State Award. Luckily for the Colts, most of this year's golfers will be back again next year, ready for some more tough competition. Coach Fowler predicts that with more experience, next year's golfers will achieve even higher ranks in the Region and State tournaments.

If you would like to be a part of the Cottonwood golf legacy, try out for the team. According to Coach Fowler, Cottonwood could use more people trying out and joining the ranks of greatness. Well, Colts, give it up for the Gods of golf!

Homecoming Upset

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Although the Colts predicted this year's homecoming game would be one of their best comebacks in almost two years, they fell short of a win. The Colts began the game with strength incomparable to the Eagles, and scored the first touchdown to lead the game by six points. Skyline came back with a touchdown to tie the game, but the Colts refused to allow a tie and kicked a field goal for a total of nine points. The Colts ran in another touchdown, but just as soon as their hopes were up, Skyline brought their score up to twelve with another touchdown. The crowd watched intently as they saw the fate of the game turn around. The Eagles made two more touchdowns to bring the game to a score of 15-26, with one minute left on the clock, and the Colts were forced to accept the loss.

The loss of the game was an upset for all Cottonwood students looking forward to a victory, but the students still gleamed with pride. Cottonwood students celebrated the game with enthusiasm, and the "spirit" of homecoming remained present, even after the loss. Senior Jeremy Adams demonstrated his Colt pride throughout the game by dressing up as a cheerleader and celebrating each touchdown as he sprayed whipped cream all over himself and students nearby.

It is obvious that Cottonwood students support not only their school, but their football team, regardless of their reputation. And with all the support the school has to offer, the Colts are sure to win games to come!

Answers to TV Quiz

Give yourself 3 points for each correct answer.

1. b 2. c 3. b 4. a 5. Kit 6. b 7. c 8. b 9. c 10. a 11. true 12. b 13. c 14. a

If you scored more than 36 points, you can consider yourself to be a pretty loyal coach potato.

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